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**JACKSON'S BIRTHPLACE.**

Notwithstanding the fact that Andrew Jackson himself claimed South Carolina as the state of his nativity, and notwithstanding the further fact that the correctness of his claim finds abundant confirmation in history, our friends across the line persist in believing that he was born in North Carolina.

A few days ago a committee of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution placed, with impressive ceremonies, an "iron marker" at a point in North Carolina on the plantation of Mr. J. L. Rodman where it is contended that Jackson first saw the light of day. The "iron marker" is to be replaced later on by a handsome monument.

**DEALING IN COTTON FUTURES.**

We rarely see the Greenville News, but from a copy of Tuesday's issue which came to this office we learn that a sermon was preached in the Baptist church of that city last Sunday on the subject of gambling, to which exception has been taken by one Alexander, proprietor of what he terms an establishment where "cotton options" may be bought and sold.

In a signed article in the paper referred to Mr. Alexander protests against being "presented to the public as running a gambling institution." He does not undertake to differentiate his business from that of gambling, but contents himself with the general assertion that the methods employed in his business are "correct and honorable;" that "the best regulated business institutions in the world are the duly organized and legally constituted exchanges."

Mr. Alexander also claims that there are but "three offices in South Carolina through which 'cotton options' may be bought and sold." One of these, he says, is in Rock Hill, "owned and operated by a gentleman of the highest Christian character, and an officer in the leading Presbyterian church in the south;" the second in Greenville, operated by

himself, "a Christian and a church member," and the third in Columbia, which is "under the supervision of a gentleman whose honesty and moral standing is as high as that of any man in the Capital city"—a member, he thinks, of the "great Methodist church."

Mr. Alexander goes on to say that "there are possibly more than a dozen imitations in the state, where the form of buying and selling may be gone through with; and where there is no transaction, but simply bets placed on the market fluctuations."

All of which is more or less interesting. It will certainly be news to many that there are only three orthodox "cotton option" concerns in South Carolina, all the others being "imitations." There is no doubt a difference between a "cotton exchange" and a "bucket shop," and that may be the distinction Mr. Alexander has in view, but we must confess that we are not sufficiently informed on the subject to draw the line of demarkation.

The fact of the matter is we know little or nothing about this cotton future business. We know nothing as to its practical workings, and such being the case we are not prepared to say whether the Greenville Baptist preacher was right or wrong when he characterized dealing in cotton futures as gambling. To the uninitiated, however, it certainly looks that way. If it is not betting on the price of cotton, what in the name of common sense is it? The principle, it occurs to us, is the same whether the transaction is had through a regular "cotton exchange" or a "bucket shop."

But it is not our purpose at this time to discuss that phase of the question. We are willing to concede for the sake of argument that there is nothing immoral in buying and selling "cotton options"—that it is not gambling in the usual acceptation of the word. It is the obvious effect of participation in such business to which we desire to direct attention.

Is the game worth the candle? Is it possible for a man to give proper attention to his regular business or professional interests when his mind is constantly absorbed in the contemplation of the possible results of the cotton contracts which he is carrying? Isn't he thinking about the latter both day and night? Isn't the mental worry wearing him out day by day? Does he ever know what it is to enjoy peace of mind when engaged in these terribly uncertain, speculative ventures? Is it not a fact that more fortunes are lost than are made in dealing in cotton futures—that the cotton speculator may be well off today and a pauper tomorrow? Is it not a fact that there are men to-day—Lancasterians among them—living in rented houses who at one time owned comfortable homes which have been lost through cotton speculation? Isn't it only a question of time when the successful speculator of today will become financially embarrassed if he persists in taking his chances on the fluctuations of the cotton market? Isn't the cotton future business often-times appallingly ruinous and always demoralizing in its effects?

Much has been said and written

about the whiskey habit—the tenacity with which it clings to man, or man to it, but the seductive cocktail is no more alluring to him than is the singular fascination which he finds in cotton speculation once he gets a taste of it, so to speak. If he wins to-day he feels that he can the better afford to speculate again tomorrow. If, on the other hand, he loses today he feels that he must keep on until he at least recovers what he has lost—and so it goes on from day to day. There is a Keely cure for the curse of strong drink—is there a fortune awaiting the man who devises a remedy for the cotton future habit?

**Address to Cotton Growers**

**President Strait, of the County Association, Urges the Holding of the Remnant of the Cotton Crop for Fifteen Cents--Don't Fail to Attend Approaching Association Meetings.**

To the Cotton Growers of Lancaster county:

The impression has gone out that this is a farmer organization. That is a great mistake, this is every southern man's fight—not only man's but every woman's. The salvation of every southern industry depends upon the success of this movement to protect the cotton interest of the south.

Every power that can be mustered has been brought to bear to depress the cotton market and continue to rob the southern people of their money, which is their cotton, and where that is taken it stagnates all other business and the result is poverty and distress.

We now know that the output of the crop cannot be over 10,000,000 bales, which is worth 12½ cents, and by misrepresentation the half of the crop has been sold for 10 cents and to save the south from great loss we will be compelled to get 15 cents for the remainder of the crop. Now let me call on every man and woman who loves the southland—which prostrated so long and is now beginning to walk around, come to our relief.

Let us not falter in the heat of battle and lose the great advantages that we have gained for fear we might run the chance of losing a few dollars. The Battle Royal is on and let every patriotic citizen stand square to the front and gain one of the grandest victories that has ever crowned the south, and pledge ourselves to hold our cotton for 15 cents, and get it or nothing.

Every country has had its Judas Iscariots and Benedict Arnolds and such like, but those fellows we will bid adieu in this great battle.

You must remember that your future welfare, your wife's and your dear children's, depend upon your action. You have often heard people say "but will they stick?" An insult to every man who has any manhood left. Self interest ought to be quite enough to create stickability. All arrangements

will be made to collect the .05 cents bale on cotton, the assessment made by Association, and we will not object to any one donating. Now organize on the 1st Saturday in December and send delegates to the county meeting on the 2nd Saturday in December.

T. J. Strait,  
President Cotton Growers' Association Lancaster county.

—The Rev. J. M. White will preach tomorrow morning at Gills Creek, at 11 o'clock, and at Pleasant Hill in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

**Business Notices.**

All Notices inserted under this head at the rate of ONE CENT A WORD for each insertion. No notice to be counted less than 25 words.

**FOR SALE AT COST.**—I have 500 Cultivated Blackberry plants for sale at 5cts apiece, which is just what they cost me. E. C. Lanier, Lancaster, S. C.

NOW is the time to bring in your Eggs and Turkeys and get your fruits for the Thanksgiving Cake. Bennett Groc. Co.

WILL have a car load of best Northern Apples, also a lot of Oranges to sell by the box. Bennett Groc. Co.

**FOR SALE.**—Singer Sewing Machine in good condition—has been recently overhauled and is as good as new. Apply to S. T. Blackmon.

IF YOU want a nice roast for your Thanksgiving dinner you had better place your order early. Plyler's Meat Market. Phone 97.

WE CAN furnish you with all kinds of nice fresh meats for your Thanksgiving dinner—choice roasts, steaks, sausage, fresh fish, oysters—in fact anything in the meat line. Plyler's Meat Market.

**FOR SALE.**—Good combination Mare 8 years old. Weight 1050 lbs. Extra fine saddle. Apply to or phone C. O. Stogner, R. F. D. No. 2.

TWO STORES, one dwelling and two rooms, in Lancaster, for rent. Apply to W. J. Cunningham.

**GIN NOTICE.**—After this week we will only run our gin on Thursday and Friday. Lancaster Mer., Co.

THIRD Arrival of 36 inch changeable Taffetas in all the new shades; \$1.00 quality 80 cents. Lancaster Mercantile Co.

PLACE your order for celery for Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

A BOX of Huyler's candy for you Thanksgiving. J. B. Mackorell.

**Professional Cards**

**JOHN E. WELSH,**  
DENTIST,  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Office Up-stairs in Masonic Building.

DENTISTRY.  
**DR. R. M. GALLOWAY,**  
Surgeon Dentist.  
Office Up-stairs in Ganson Building.

**DR. R. G. ELLIOTT,**  
Lancaster, S. C.  
Residence 'phone, No. 187. Office, Davis Building, cor. Main and Dunlap streets; 'phone No. 72.  
Will practice in both town and county. All calls, day or night, will receive prompt attention.

**Notice of Discharge.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Thannie J. Bowers, deceased will on December 23rd 1905 make his final return as such administrator, and apply to the Probate Court for Lancaster county, for a final discharge.  
J. A. BOWERS,  
Administrator of estate of THANNIE J. BOWERS.  
Dated Nov. 22nd, 1905.

**PRESIDENT PAUL MORTON**

Outlining the policy of the new management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in an address delivered before a Convention of Equitable Agents, among other things says:

"Already there has been a saving in the administration of your Society amounting to approximately \$600,000 per annum. This equals 4 per cent. on an investment of \$15,000,000.

This is the equivalent to having \$15,000,000 more 4 per cent. bonds in our vaults. There will be other economies, and I can only repeat that retrenchment and conservative management is going to be our policy. I have great ambitions for the Equitable. I want it to be not only the greatest and the best but the safest and most conservative life insurance institution in the land. I want it to be the one that the agents will like the very best to work for. I want it to be the one that bankers and people who have securities for sale can feel that they will always get a square deal from. I want it to be the one that policyholders will recommend their friends to insure in and that everybody can point to with pride. I want it to be known, not only as the strongest financially, but the strongest morally."

Moral: Insure in the Equitable Life, "Strongest in the World."

**W. B. Knight,**  
— Special Agent, —  
LANCASTER, S. C.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
County of Lancaster.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.  
Annie E. Wilson, in her own right and as Executrix of the will of William Knight, deceased, Plaintiff,  
vs  
Sarah Si tare, W. Jack Knight and others, Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of a decretal order made by his Honor O. W. Buchanan, judge presiding, dated Oct. 20th, 1905, I will sell at public auction, in front of the court house, in the town of Lancaster, in said county and State to the highest bidder, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, next, within the legal hour of sale, the following described lands, in Cedar Creek township, county of Lancaster, in said State, formerly belonging to William Knight, deceased, and described as follows, viz:

First. Ninety-seven [97] acres, more or less, on the waters of Dry creek, bounded north by lands of Anderson Caskey, east and south by Dry creek, and west by lands of Miss Mellwain.

Second. Fifty [50] acres, more or less, known as the "Home place," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Anderson Caskey, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Miss Mellwain.

Third. Fifty [50] acres more or less, known as the "Jack Knight tract," bounded north by Dry creek, east by lands of Martha J. Estridge, south by the Johnson lands, and west by lands of Anderson Caskey.

Fourth. Fifty-seven [57] acres, more or less, bounded north by Dry creek and estate lands of J. S. McCordell, deceased, east and south by lands of Mrs. A. E. Wilson and Mrs. Alice Thompson, and west by lands of Mrs. Alice Thompson.

Terms of sale CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers.  
JOHN P. HUNTER,  
Sheriff, L. C.

R. E. WYLIE,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the tax books of the town of Lancaster, S. C., will be open for the collection of taxes on the 1st day of November, 1905, at the office of the town Treasurer, and all taxes remaining unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1905, pursuant to Section 1 of the Supply Bill of 1905, will be subject to a penalty of 15 per cent for the non-payment of the same, together with cost.

R. E. WYLIE,  
Mayor.